Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method of minimizing absorption of visible light in an ink composition comprising an IR-absorbing metal-dithiolene dye, wherein the dye is preselected from a metal-dithiolene of formula (II):

wherein:

M is selected from Ni, Pd or Pt (preferably Ni); j is selected from 1, 2, 3 or 4; k is selected from 1, 2, 3 or 4;

k is selected from 1, 2, 5 of 4

n is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

W is welected from: a substituent comprising an ammonium group; a substituent comprising an acid group, including salts thereof; or a substituent comprising a sulfonamide group; a hydrophilic group;

up to three $-(CH_2)$ - groups in the carbocycle are optionally replaced by a group independently selected from -C(O)-, -NH-, -S-, -O-;

up to three –CH– groups in the carbocycle may be optionally replaced by –N–; and up to four H atoms in the carbocycle may be optionally replaced a group independently selected from C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{1-6} alkoxy, C_{5-12} aryl, C_{5-12} arylalkyl, halogen, hydroxyl or amino.

- 21. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein M is Ni.
- 22. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein j is 1 and k is 2.

- 23. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein said dye comprises a $-C(C_{1-4} \text{ alkyl})_2$ -bridging group.
- 24. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein n is 1.
- 25. (Cancelled)
- 26. (Original) The method of claim 20, wherein W is a substituent comprising a group of formula -CO₂Z, -SO₃Z, -OSO₃Z, -PO₃Z or -OPO₃Z, wherein Z is H or a water-soluble cation.
- 27. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein W is of formula –(CH₂)_t–SO₃Z, wherein t is 0 or an integer from 1 to 6, and Z is H or a water-soluble cation.
- 28. (Original) The method of claim 26, wherein W is of formula $-CH_2SO_3H$, $-CH_2SO_3Na$ or $-CH_2SO_3K$.
- 29-56. (Cancelled)